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Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

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Inventor(s)

A NETWORK FACSIMILE DEVICE AND A METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE NETWORK FACSIMILE DEVICE

Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. X Specification, total pages 39 including:
  - a. 15 pages of claims (1-23)
  - b. 1 page(s) Abstract
2. X 11 sheets of      informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-11)
3. X Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (4 total pages)
  - a.      Newly executed (original)
  - b.      Unexecuted
  - c. X Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)
4.      Deletion of Inventor(s)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5. X Incorporation By Reference  
The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
6.      Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7.      An assignment (cover sheet & document(s))
8.      37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
9. X Power of Attorney
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10. X Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  
\_\_\_\_ Copies of IDS Citations
11. X A Preliminary Amendment
12. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
13. \_\_\_\_ Applicant(s) hereby establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27
14. X If a Continuing Application, *check the appropriate box and supply the requisite information:*  
X Continuation of prior application No.: 09/459,769 filed December 13, 1999.  
\_\_\_\_ Divisional of prior application No.: \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_
15. X Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page one: --This is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation, and claims the benefit of priority, of application Serial No. 09/459,769, filed December 13, 1999.--
16. X Priority of application No. 10-355814 filed in Japan on December 15, 1998. Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
\_\_\_\_ A certified copy of priority application No. \_\_\_\_\_ will be submitted in due course.  
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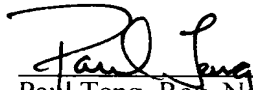
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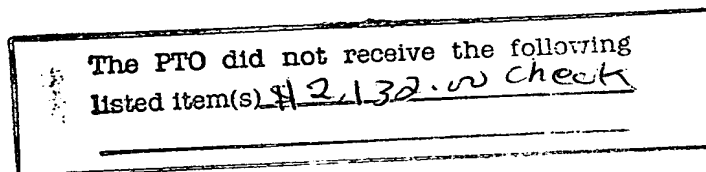
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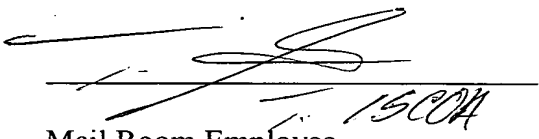
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